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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NON-SCHEDULED ROMANIAN FLIGHT

REF: A) BUCHAREST 2905; B) STATE 156566

1. RE TAROM CARGO CHARTER TO NEW YORK (REFS), THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE. AT SAME TIME REFTEL ARRIVED, ROMANIAN EMBASSY REPS WERE ADVISING CAB THEY WANTED TO CHANGE ROUTE (NOT DATE) OF FLIGHT TO INCLUDE HAVANA AND WOULD PROVIDE DETAILS LATER. THIS NOT DONE UNTIL AUG 13; THEREFORE NO ACTION TAKEN ON CHANGING DATE TO AUG 12.

2. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS NOW PROPOSED FLIGHT WILL LEAVE BUCHAREST AUG 15 FLY VIA SANTA MARIA WITH STOP AT HAVANA AND ARRIVE NEW YORK AUG 17; THEN LEAVE NEW YORK AUG 18 AND RETURN TO HAVANA AND PROCEED TO LIMA AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN POINTS. OFFICIAL REASON FOR PROPOSED HAVANA
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STOPS IS TO FAMILIARIZE CREW WITH AIR FIELD THERE; ON FIRST

APPROACH TO CAB ROMAINIAN EXPLAINED IT IS IN PREPARATION FOR
CEAUCESCU'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA THIS AUTUMN.

3. IN KEEPING WITH AVIATION POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA,
WE ADVISING ROMANIAN EMBASSY WE NOT PREPARED CLEAR FLIGHT
AS PROPOSED. INSTEAD WE INFORMED EMBASSY AUG 14 WE WILL
CLEAR FLIGHT TO NEW YORK VIA NORTHERN ROUTE USED ON PRIOR
CHARTER, AND THEN, FROM NEW YORK VIA AIRWAYS OVER ATLANTIC,
AS THEY PROPOSED, TO HAVANA. RETURN ROUTE TO BUCHAREST
FROM HAVANA OR ONWARD TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN DESTINATIONS
UP TO ROMANIANS AS LONG AS IT NOT OVER US OR VIA US AIR-
PORT. EMBASSY COMMUNICATING FOREGOING TO BUCHAREST.

4. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO ROMANIANS THAT FLIGHTS BETWEEN
US AND CUBA NOT NORMALLY APPROVED. AS AN EXCEPTION, HOW-
EVER, IN VIEW OF STATED PURPOSE OF OPERATION WE WILLING TO
PERMIT ONE-WAY AND ONLY ONE-WAY FLIGHT AS DESCRIBED PARA
(3) ABOVE.

5. WE BELIEVE CONFUSION OVER THIS FLIGHT REINFORCES OUR
VIEW (REF B) THAT GOOD AVIATION ATTORNEY COULD BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO TAROM IN ARRANGING FLIGHTS. ROGERS

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